


Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form					
Application No.: <u>09/674,651</u>		Examiner: <u>Paul E. Callahan</u>			
First Named Applicant: <u>Nobuyuki Kihara et al.</u>		Group Art Unit: <u>2137</u>			
Status of Application: <u>rejected</u>					
Tentative Participants:					
(1) <u>Arthur A. Smith</u>		(2)			
(3)		(4)			
Proposed Date of Interview: <u>May 15, 2006</u> Proposed Time: <u>2:00 pm</u>					
Type of Interview Requested:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephonic <input type="checkbox"/> Personal <input type="checkbox"/> Video Conference			
Exhibit to be Shown or Demonstrated?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
If yes, provide brief description:					
Issues to be Discussed					
Issues (Rej., Obj. etc.)	Claims/Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
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Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:					
<u>Proposed claim amendments to overcome 112 rejection.</u>					
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_____ Arthur A. Smith, Reg. No. 56,877			_____ Examiner/SPE Signature		



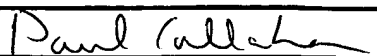
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		Application Number		09/674,651	
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		First Named Inventor		Nobuyuki KIHARA	
		Art Unit		2137	
		Examiner Name		Paul E. Callahan	
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PC		EP 0 679 977 A1	11-02-1995	International Business Machines Corporation		
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NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
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PC		Supplementary European Search Report for Application No. 00906664.8-2218 PCT/JP0001272, dated January 4, 2006.	

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	5-19-06
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